

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's Column

Welcome back to an exciting term. I hope everyone is rested because the next 10 weeks are full of activities.

As well as 10 weeks of fantastic teaching and learning, we have excursions, the Year 11 Leadership Camp, the Australian Maths Competition, Year 10 to 11 Night, interviews with 2008 Year 8 students, our Ski Trip, a Drama Evening and the School Athletics Carnival. We welcome back students from work experience, MOST and from the very successful Instrumental Music Trip to Cairns.

August will be particularly exciting as we celebrate Bray Park State High School's 20th Anniversary with a dinner on Saturday 18th August. Please ring the school to book your tickets. This is followed by the School Expo and Open Day on Monday 27th and the School Triennial Review Presentation on Wednesday 29th. Early September, 4th and 5th, will see our Year 12 students sit for the Queensland Core Skills Test which forms part of their entry to tertiary education in 2008.

As usual Bray Park High students continue to excel in the community. Shane Rabbitt has been awarded the Pine Rivers Press Young Star for Arts/Education for May/June 2007/8. Well done Shane. Past students, Justine Leslie and Lyn McDougall have both been awarded Queensland University of Queensland prizes: Justine in Accountancy excellence and Lyn for academic excellence in Business ethics and marketing.

Our school priorities this semester continue to be aligned with the Department's:

1. School Performance with a focus on student achievement and school communication to parents and students to enable decision making about education choices.
2. Building leadership capacity in the school.
3. Providing extra support to targeted groups such as Indigenous, Gifted and Talented, and disengaged students to enable full educational potential.
4. Maintaining and improving the health, safety and wellbeing of the school community.
5. Implementing new and ongoing policies and procedures such as QCAR [Queensland Curriculum, Reporting and Assessment] and QCE [Queensland Certificate of Education].

This means that Bray Park State High School will continue its partnership of teachers, parents and students to create ways of making every student's time at Bray Park a step closer to achieving their life's ambitions. A big call I know, but Bray Park has the quality teachers and the supportive parents to make the partnership a success for our students.

Kate Abernethy
Principal

P&C PRESIDENT'S REPORT JULY 2007

At the P&C Meeting held on Monday 16th July, the following items were discussed and the P&C would like to inform all parents/carers of this information and to invite parents/carers to the upcoming events.

1. 20th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Ticket sales have now commenced for the upcoming School 20th Anniversary Dinner to be held at the North's Leagues Club, Kallangur on Saturday 18th August. The cost of tickets is \$40 per head for a 2-course meal plus nibbles and there will be free entertainment on the night from past/present students.

It will be a great night and an opportunity to catch up with old mates to see where they are now. Booking can be made through the school office.

2. TUCKSHOP UPGRADE

The P&C have received a Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant of \$30,000 to upgrade the school tuckshop. Renovations will include a new cold room, air-conditioning, stainless steel benches, shelving and a stove, which will enable us to provide more items on the Healthy School menu for the students. We would like to thank our Treasurer, Mrs Alison Hagaman, for completing the successful application.

3. WORKING BEE

Our first working bee for the year will be held on Saturday 4th August from 8.30am to 11.30am with morning tea provided. All parents and students are welcome to come along and help improve the school by either painting, planting trees, etc.

4. EXPO AND OPEN DAY

Our School Expo and Open Day will be held on Monday 27th August from 3.30pm until 7pm. This event is an opportunity for future parents and students to come along to see what we have to offer at our school. Food will be available to purchase on the night if you do not want to go home and cook..

5. STATIONERY

The P&C will be organising the stationery book packs for 2008 rather than outsourcing them. More information on the book packs will be provided in future newsletters.

6. UNIFORMS

The P&C are still in the process of negotiating the uniform supplier for the next three years. At this point, prices for the new uniforms will be the same as this year, which is good news. Once we have agreed on the uniform supplier, pricing will be advised.

7. UNIFORM POLICY

The School Uniform Policy sent home to all parents recently has been adopted by the P&C and will take effect from the commencement of 4th Term.

8. SPORTS DAY

The School's Sports Day will be held on Friday 3rd August and parents/carers are welcome to come along and watch their children participate. Yes, your children will tell you that you are not required to attend, but it is an opportunity to see the school in a more relaxed manner and see how passionate the students are about their sports.

9. TRIENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW

I would like to sincerely thank the parents who have given up their time to input into the Triennial School Review. The school will be presenting this report to Mr Peter Fanning, Acting EDS on Wednesday 29th August. I will be representing the parents at this review.

10. QCPCA (Queensland Council Parents and Citizens Association)

The P&C have Brian and Robyn Ward representing our school at the Annual QCPCA Conference this weekend. We would like to thank Brian and Robyn for taking the time to attend this conference on our behalf.

11. HALL

The P&C are now regrouping to see what the school's priorities are for the upgrade of the hall on a much smaller scale. In my report in August, I intend presenting the new direction we attend to take regarding the future of the hall.

Peter Mullins - P&C President

Bray Park State High School

20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Venue: **North's Leagues and Services Club** - Anzac Avenue, Kallangur

When: **Saturday 18 August 2007**

Cost: **\$40** (*Drinks not included*) Time: **6pm start for a 7pm dinner**

Tickets are on sale at the School Office for our 20th Anniversary Dinner. Seating is available at tables of 12. For catering purposes all numbers must be finalised by **10 August** so make sure you get in early to avoid disappointment.

If you are unable to come to the school to purchase tickets, cheques or money orders (made out to Bray Park SHS P&C Association) can be mailed to us and we will post the tickets to you.

Please pass this information on to any past students and parents you may be in contact with.

Entertainment will be provided by our String Ensemble, our Soul Singers and past students.

MS Readathon

Keep reading to help people with MS, and earn cool rewards!

Families have until **August 17** to return reading and sponsor lists to the MS Readathon. Parents will receive a letter soon explaining how to return sponsorship money. If you need another receipt book, simply phone 1300 677 323.

Every book read in June counts, every minute read in June counts and every dollar raised helps someone living with MS.

Remember! Record all reading until June 30, and then return sponsorship money by August 17 2007.

Thank you for your wonderful support. - For more information, visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323

Multiple Sclerosis Society Of Queensland

Poetry Competition

Attention all budding poets - The Bray Park State High School 2007 "Unleash The Poet Within" Poetry Competition is on. The competition will run from: Monday 23 July until Friday 24 August 2007

All students entering this competition will be in with the chance to win great trophies and prizes. Information sheets explaining the requirements for entering your poems are posted in numerous places around the school. If you have any questions, please see Mr Harvey in General Studies.

Brisbane Writers Festival - Michael Collins Portrait of Place Competition

As part of the Brisbane Writers Festival, students from Years 8-12 are invited to submit photography, poetry or fiction that reflects or incorporates the theme of home or place. The final date for submission is COB Friday 10 August 2007.

Three winners in each category. Total prize value is \$3,000. First Prize \$500; Highly Commended \$300; Commended \$200. If you are interest, please see Mrs Stubbing in the Library for details.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

We are happy to welcome two new staff into the English Department- Miss Hooper who will be here for Semester Two, and Mrs Carswell who will be working with our students for one month whilst Mr Sutherland is on Long Service Leave. We welcome them and look forward to seeing exciting work being done in their classrooms.

During the exam block, three students participated in the Palma Rosa Public Speaking Competition at Hamilton. Year Ten students, Lonneke Bevan and Tiffany Rabbitt represented our school in the junior category of the competition. The standard of the contestants was very high this year and our students rose to the challenge. It is interesting to note that Bray Park was the only public school attending the competition. The girls learned a lot about the varied ways to engage an audience when speaking publicly and produced excellent speeches on the day.

In the senior category, our school representative was Year Eleven student, Eva Bevan. Eva was successful, achieving runner up on the day. Overall, it was a challenging, educational and fun experience for the girls and their audience.

On the seventh of August the Year Twelve Board English students will be viewing a performance of *The Property of the Clan* at the Billie Brown Theatre in South Brisbane. This will be the stimulus for their exam in Term Three. It is hoped that the students will enjoy their theatre experience and will apply the knowledge they acquire from this excursion to their exam.

Year ten students are invited to attend a performance of *Scattered Lives* in the Performing Arts block on Monday the 20th of August. This play relates the humanitarian issues and common experiences of people who have sought refuge in Australia. It provides insights into why people flee their countries of origin, their feelings on arrival and their ongoing experiences as they adjust to a new culture. Parents are reminded to return permission slips and payment for this performance to the school ASAP.

The 'Unleash the Poet Within' Poetry Competition commences on the 23rd July. Students from Years 8-12 are encouraged to submit their best work to win trophies and prizes. This year, we hope to publish those shortlisted so that all students can appreciate the talent we have at this school.

Term Three is indeed a busy time, and we are looking forward to reading and writing more stunning literature.

Tracey Goodrum – HOD English

Instrumental Music Tour 2007

On Saturday 7 July, 53 Instrumental Music Students and 5 Music teachers travelled to Cairns for our 2007 Instrumental Music Tour. After a very long 25 hour coach trip, students settled into the All Seasons Cairns Gateway Resort, where they would be staying for the next 6 days. Our String, Jazz and Tour Ensemble performed for many schools in the Cairns district including Redlynch State School, Balaclava State School, Kuranda District State School. They also performed in the Stocklands Shopping Centre in Cairns.

The itinerary also included highlights such as the Rainforest Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary, Port Douglas Daintree Rainforest River Train, Daintree Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, Kuranda Scenic Railway and Skyrail Experience, Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, Cairns Night Market and a Big Cat Cruise to Green Island.

Our students were wonderful ambassadors for the school at all times. I would like to thank the students and parents for their ongoing support and commitment to the Instrumental Music Program and Miss Walmsley, Mrs Jones, Miss Hollier, Mr Hamlin and Mr Lanham for their hard work throughout the tour.

*Scott Bowden
Head of Department – The Arts*

STS - HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION Australia

Students from Italy, Sweden and Germany are among a number of students attending a high school in your area. The students aged 16 to 17 years have a variety of interests including dancing, music, sports and photography. They have come to experience our country, culture and education system. If you can help or would like further information please phone Margaret on 3204 2156.

DATE CLAIMERS – 2007

Mon-Fri 15-21 July	Disability Action Week
Monday 23 July	Ski Trip Parent Night
Thursday 2 August	Next Newsletter
Friday 3 August	Athletics Carnival
Saturday 4 August	Working Bee - 8.30am-11.30am
Friday 10 August	Leaders' Photos
Saturday 18 August	BPSHS 20th Anniversary Dinner
Monday 20 August	Next P&C Meeting

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Year 10 – 11 Subject Selection Information Evening

All Year 10 students and their parents/care givers are invited to attend an Information Evening regarding courses and subject choices for Year 11/12 in 2008/2009 on **Tuesday 7 August**. The evening will be held in the School Assembly Hall. Please use Old North Road carpark and entrance.

Session 1 - 6.30pm to 7.00pm - information on School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

Session 2 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm – Senior Phase of learning - subject selection information.

The evening will include information about the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), Tertiary entrance, career decision making, subject selection, School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships and the transition from Year 10 to Year 11. Head of Departments and Teachers will be available for consultation regarding the nature and choice of individual subjects.

Karenne Haygarth- Senior Schooling Head of Department

Science News

The Year 11 Chemistry class has made wine this year. We made Kiwifruit dry white wine and Pear dry white wine. Both of these wines have been entered in the Dayboro Show and the Pine Rivers Show. We are eagerly awaiting our results and look forward to beginning a new tradition of wine making in the school.

Jenny Johnson - Chemistry Teacher

SALE

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM DROUGHT SALE

Uniform clearance on selected brand new current uniform stock. Come and check out the bargains.

Selected Sizes only

All of the following items are priced at \$3.00 each

Junior Boys Formal Shirt	Size 10, 12, 14, XL-3XL
Senior Boys Formal Shirt	Size 14, 16, 37
Boys Tab Shorts	Size 66, 67, 107
Boys Sefton Shorts	Size 10, 12, 77, 82, 87, 92, 97, 102, 107, 112
Boys Sefton Trousers	Size 102ST, 107R, 112R
Junior Girls Formal Blouse	Size 10, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30
Senior Girls Formal Blouse	Size 8, 10, 12, 14, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30
Girls Formal Skirt	All Sizes
Unisex Sports Shorts	Size XXS, XS, S, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL, 7XL
Unisex Sports Polo Shirts	Size 10, 5XL, 6XL
Knitted Jumpers	Size 22, 24

Blazers	\$16.00	Size 22 only
Socks	\$ 0.50	(Current at 19 July 2007)

Disability Action Week

15-21 July 2007

Disability touches the lives of most Queenslanders in some way - through the experiences we have with friends and family, in the school, at the workplace and in the community.

For further information about Disability Action Week
please contact:

Disability Action Week State Planning Committee
C/- Marketing and Communication Branch
Disability Services Queensland, GPO Box 806, Brisbane 4001

Phone 3224 7535 or email: actionweek@disability.qld.gov.au

Website: www.disability.qld.gov.au/actionweek

Bray Park State High School Special Education Unit will be participating in a variety of sports games eg. bocchia, table tennis.

Queensland Hockey Representative

Year 8, Bray Park State High School student, Jarrod Farlow, has made the Queensland Under 13's Hockey Team following selection in Mackay during the recent school holidays. Following a skills camp, Jarrod was one of only 16 chosen from 120 to gain a place in the team which will travel to Melbourne in early October to contest the Australian Championships.

Playing representative hockey for local Pine Rivers club St Andrew's, Jarrod hopes to one day play for Australia like his idol Liam De Young. "Liam started out with St Andrew's, so hopefully with the same start I might be able to follow a similar track," commented Jarrod.

CAREERS EXPO

NORTH POINT TAFE and QUT Carseldine

Tuesday 7 August 2007

Year 11s - 10.30 - 12.00pm Year 12s - 12.00 - 1.30pm

North Point TAFE will transport our students to the EXPO and back at no cost to the student.

To include the Year 10s, TAFE will send teachers out to school to talk to all the Year 10s during that day as it is the Year 10-11 Senior Pathways Day.

Karenne Haygarth - Senior Schooling Head of Department

Health News - Sneaky Tactics used to sell Cigarettes

Did you know that famous actors are often paid to smoke a particular brand of cigarette? This is known as product placement and is an advertising technique used by tobacco companies. Research shows that when young people are more likely to take up smoking after they watch movies which feature characters who smoke. Next time you see your favourite actor smoking it's probably because they have been paid to do it!

Other sneaky tactics used to sell cigarettes to young people include sweet flavoured cigarettes and misleading advertising terms such as "light", "mild" and "low tar". Don't be fooled, there is no safe cigarette!

Tobacco companies need new smokers to take up smoking to stay in business. If no one bought cigarettes, tobacco companies will go bankrupt! So watch out, tobacco companies are always thinking of sneaky ways to encourage young people to start smoking!

www.OxyGen.org.au May 2005

For more information on this or any other health related topic, please see me, I am available on Monday afternoons, all day Tuesday and all day Friday for a confidential discussion. I look forward to seeing you.

Frank Morris - School Nurse

Calling all Young Conservationists

Do you actively protect our local environment? Do you demonstrate environmental responsibility at our school? If so, you could be one of 20 young Australians (over age 16) to be named a "Commonwealth Green Ambassador for 2007". Great opportunities and rewards exist for those selected. If you wish to apply or nominate someone please see **Mrs Ballantyne** in General Studies ASAP, **as applications close on 27 July 2007**.

UNEMPLOYED AND OVER 40?

A program to assist unemployed mature aged people is now available at Mitchelton and Caboolture commencing after June/July holidays and at no cost to the participant. For more information please phone Worklinks on (Mitchelton) 3354 3946 or 5498 9601 (Caboolture).

BPSHS - DATES TO REMEMBER

*This information is correct at time of printing
Please check future Newsletters for any alterations
or additions to these Dates*

TERM 3 – 2007

20 July	Bastille Day Celebration
23 July	Ski Trip Parent Night – Monday
25 July	Australian Maths Competition
26 July	Year 10 GEG Excursion
26 July	Year 12 MSC Gold Coast
26-27 July	Year 11 Biology Camp
20 July-1 August	Year 11 Leader Camp
3 August	Athletics Carnival
4 August	Working Bee – Saturday - 8.30am-11.30am
7 August	Year 12 English Excursion
7 August	Year 10 Parent Night
7 August	SAT Information Evening
7-8 August	Senior (Year 10) Pathways Day
8 August	Year 6 Science class visit
9 August	Year 11 MSC Nudgee Beach
10 August	Leadership Photos
11-18 August	Ski Trip
13 August	Ministerial Show Holiday - Monday
13-17 August	Year 12 Work Placement
14 August	Non Uniform Day
15 August	Student Free Day - Wednesday
18 August	BPSHS 20th Anniversary Dinner
20 August	P&C Meeting
21 August	Drama Evening
22 August	School Social – Wednesday Night
27 August	SCHOOL EXPO and OPEN DAY
4-5 September	QCS Test
6 September	Medieval Fayre
6 September	Junior Sport Semi-Final
10-14 September	Primary Interviews
17 September	Year 8 Immunisation Hepatitis B 2
17 September	P&C Meeting
17-21 September	Year 11 In-class Exams / Year 12 Block Exams

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 20 August
2007 at 7.00pm

Bray Park State High School
Chaplain
Tim Sweetman
Phone 0403 192 847
tim@bridgeman.org.au
At school on
Monday and Friday
9am-11am
Wednesday and Thursday
8am-3pm

BPSHS Student Services
If your student is going to be
ABSENT, please phone:
3881 6654

BPSHS Web Site
www.brayparkshs.eq.edu.au
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Change of Address Details
Please ensure your mailing address and phone numbers are current with the school's records. Any enquiries please call
BPSHS Student Services on
3881 6654

NOTICE to STUDENTS and PARENTS/CARERS - PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students who wish to leave the school grounds throughout the day are required to bring a signed permission note from their parent / carer to the office in the morning. Once this note is verified a slip is to be collected by the student at morning tea.

If a student is sick during the day they must come to the office and an office staff member will contact parent / carer.

BUSINESSES who support our School

Pine Gardens Florist

Annette & Roger Hall

Ph: 3881 0323

Fax: 3205 3928

Mob: 0421 805 994

Email: pinegardens@optusnet.com.au

CREDIT CARDS WELCOME

43 Francis Road Bray Park QLD 4500

Northside Music School

486 Gympie Road, STRATHPINE

3881 1036

Morris Brothers Musical Store

2/17 Billabong Street

STAFFORD 4053

Phone 61 7 3356 3299

Bank of Queensland

355 Samsonvale Road, WARNER 4500

**It's your right to be safe
In an emergency, call the police
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**If you are feeling unsafe, you can talk to
someone on the phone:**

Kids helpline 1800 55 1800

**dvconnect womensline
1800 811 811**

dvconnect mensline 1800 600 636

Lifeline 13 11 14

**Sexual Assault Hotline
1800 010 120**

**Queensland Government
Department of Communities**

Immunisation / Vaccination Dates

YEAR LEVEL	VACCINE	DATE
Year 8	Hepatitis B 2	17 September 2007
Years 10, 11 & 12 females	Gardisal 3	12 October 2007